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Via Hand Delivery

Re:

Application of Memphis Networx, LLC for a Certificate of Public Conveninece and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunication Services and Joint Petition of Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division, a Division of the City of Memphis. Tennessee ("MLGW") and A&L Networks-Tennessee, LLC ("A&L") for Approval of Agreement between MLGW and A&L regarding Joint Ownership of Memphis Networx, LLC; Docket No. 99-00909 -Response to Petition to Intervene of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of Attorney General

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed you will find the original and thirteen (13) of the Response of Memphis Networx, LLC, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division and A&L Networks-Tennessee, LLC to the Petition to Intervene of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
APPLICATION OF MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND JOINT PETITION OF MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS & WATER DIVISION, A DIVISION OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS TENNESSEE ("MLGW") AND A&L NETWORKS-TENNESSEE, LLC ("A&L") FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MLGW AND A&L REGARDING JOINT OWNERSHIP OF MEMPHIS NETWORX, LLC))))) DOCKET NO. 99-00909))))

RESPONSE TO PETITION TO INTERVENE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION

Come now Memphis Networx, LLC, Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Division and A&L Networks-Tennessee, LLC ("Applicant/Joint Petitioners") and in response to the Petition of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of Attorney General state as follows:

- 1. The Intervenors filed and gave notice of their Petition to Intervene on May 5, 2000.
- 2. On February 8, 2000, a Notice was issued by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority that a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. and that "any party desiring to participate in this pre-hearing conference must file

- a Motion to Intervene and a List of Proposed Issues not later than Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at 12:00 noon."
- 3. A pre-hearing conference was held on February 17, 2000. A second day of the pre-hearing conference was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 1:30 p.m.
- 4. Following those pre-hearing conferences the Pre-Hearing Officer developed a schedule and a list of issues to be considered in the proceeding as reflected in an order of March 9, 2000. The order was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. A protective order was also approved by the parties and the Pre-Hearing Officer.
- 5. Any intervention at this time that has the effect of causing a change in the list of issues or the protective order or a delay in the proceeding would not serve the interest of justice and would impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings.
- 6. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has authority to condition an intervenor's participation in a proceeding, including limitations as to issues, scheduling, and protective orders where, as here, such matters have been developed by the parties and the Pre-Hearing Officer prior to the filing of the Petition to Intervene. T.C.A. 4-5-310.

THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant/Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority condition the granting of the intervention

upon the Intervenor being limited in participation to the previously developed issues list and protective order and without delay in the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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